

2025 Regular Session

SENATE BILL NO. 89

BY SENATOR BOUIE

Prefiled pursuant to Article III, Section 2(A)(4)(b)(i) of the Constitution of Louisiana.

PORTS/HARBORS/TERMINALS. Requires the board of commissioners of the Port of New Orleans to be confirmed by the Senate. (2/3-CA6s43(3))(8/1/25)

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 34:2, relative to ports and harbors; to provide relative to the membership of the Board of Commissioners of the Port of New Orleans; to require Senate confirmation of board members; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 34:2 is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

§2. Confirmation ~~not~~ required; removal; procedure

All appointments of members of the board shall be made by the governor as provided in this Subpart ~~without the need for confirmation by the Senate,~~ **subject to Senate confirmation**. No member thus appointed shall be removed except for cause on charges preferred against him in writing by the attorney general and after public hearing and proof of the sufficiency of the charges to justify his removal, before a commission of three disinterested citizens residing within the jurisdictional area of this port, one to be appointed by the governor, one to be appointed by the president of Tulane University of Louisiana, and one to be appointed by the president of Loyola University in New Orleans; however, any member so removed shall have the right to test in the courts the sufficiency of the charges and the evidence in support

1 of the charges.

2 Section 2. This Act shall apply only to persons appointed to the board on or after

3 August 1, 2025.

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Senate Legislative Services. The keyword, summary, and digest do not constitute part of the law or proof or indicia of legislative intent. [R.S. 1:13(B) and 24:177(E)]

DIGEST

SB 89 Engrossed

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Present law provides that all members of the Board of Commissioners of the Port of New Orleans will be made by the governor without confirmation by the Senate. Provides the requirements for removal of a member by public hearing and the process by which a commission is formed of three disinterested citizens residing within the jurisdictional area of this port. Provides for how the commission is selected with one member appointed by the governor, one member appointed by the president of Tulane University, and one member appointed by the president of Loyola University in New Orleans. Provides that any member removed has the right to test in the courts the sufficiency of the charges and the evidence in support of the charges.

Proposed law provides that an appointment to the board is subject to Senate confirmation.

Proposed law otherwise retains present law.

Proposed law only applies to persons appointed to the board on or after August 1, 2025.

Effective August 1, 2025.

(Amends R.S. 34:2)